

Greetings,

I am writing to show my support for Cape Wind turbine project at Horseshoe Shoals. As a private project in public waters it has come great scrutiny. Five plus years is enough. Every question has been studied and answered, some more than once. It is obvious that there are some people who will work to the very end to see that this project does not go through.

Some things need to be put under a microscope. A recent local switch from coal to gas in my area for power generation seemed like a no-brainer to many, but in real life it may cause serious harm this winter. Most new construction homes and condo conversions (all the rage, recently) are heated with gas, instead of oil. These two actions have combined to create the unthought of happening. Running out of gas! Natural gas, piped in, seemed to be as automatic as water. Our first full winter since these conversions, a mild one, and we warned with PSA's of the need to conserve, and put off chores for fear of backouts caused by shutdowns due to low pressure. Now there is a scramble to fasttrack a LNG facility, read-- terrorist's dream footage-- somewhere in the area, and quickly.

If we have a bad winter the lights will go out. We are Americans. We won't conserve, we never have. We won't conserve until it hurts, and we will ignore the elderly, and the poor, assuring ourselves that those are isolated problems. Then most will think it's just temporary, well it's not temporary. In the '70s I saw first hand what people are capable of if they couldn't get gas on line. It wasn't pretty.

Oil is easy, gas is easy, life in America is easy. We are running out of easy. Wind needs to be a new and important player in our energy mix. Like computers, turbine technology has been cutting its costs in half while doubling its output capability every few years. For tasks once too expensive to be done electrically, electric will become the norm. The fossil fuel century is over.

Cape Wind is ready. A private venture. A few public Dollars, name any project in any town that doesn't get a "wink". American technology, American jobs, America should be leading the way. The town of Hull, Massachusetts has 2 turbines, 70 other communities are looking looking to wind. It is time.